

# Philosophy of Education

## Who we are

Prince George's Community College is an open-admission and degree-granting institution of higher education that serves the citizens of Prince George's County and the surrounding region.

## Our purpose

The purpose of Prince George's Community College is to educate our students in a rigorous learning environment that supports diverse learning styles. We do so by offering accredited post-secondary, workforce development, and continuing education programs, all of which enhance the lives of everyone in our community.

## Our beliefs about education

We believe

- Education is valuable in and of itself.
- Learning is a lifelong commitment that transforms lives.
- Sound knowledge, reasoning, and decision-making are essential for all responsible citizens.
- Intellectual expression and the development of ideas require effective reading, writing, thinking, and communication skills.
- Education serves practical and creative needs that are both individual and communal.
- Learning requires a forum wherein the free consideration of ideas, values, and informed points of view is encouraged, and where diversity of thought is valued.
- Instructional practices should be developed by full and part-time professional educators. Instruction should be dynamic, current, and effective. It should engage students as active partners who are responsible for their learning and adapt to an increasingly multicultural, global, and technologically-driven society.
- Student success is the responsibility of all members of the college community. It requires that high expectations are set and standards of excellence are maintained.
- Improving learning requires the continual assessment of student success.